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TOPIC Entrinments in the Potsdam Area: Assembly of Enemy Rolling Stock

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] during the night of 27 February, trains consisting of flatcars with sideracks and some with boxcars were to be made available at the railroad stations of Neuruppin, Forst Zinna and Jueterbog-Altes Lager. Troops were entrained at the Wildpark railroad station during the night of 26 February. Six prime movers were entrained at the Werder railroad station at about 8 a.m. on 1 March.¹

2. The following loadings were observed at the Potsdam railroad stations on 3 March:

At 7 a.m. A train of 12 boxcars with about 400 troops and an undetermined number of flatcars with 12 x 122-mm field guns, 2 prime movers, 3 workshop trucks, 3 field kitchens, 1 ambulance, 2 sedans [redacted] and about 25 trucks. [redacted]

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At 10:30 a.m. About 350 troops, 11 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 11 prime movers, 5 x 76.2-mm field guns, 1 field kitchen, and about 30 trucks [redacted]

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At 10 p.m. About 350 soldiers, 1 field kitchen, about 35 trucks. The troops included the barrage balloon squadron from the Hohenlohe Kaserne.

At 8 a.m. on 3 March, a train of 12 boxcars with about 400 troops and of an undetermined number of flatcars with 12 x 122-mm field guns, 14 caterpillar tractors [redacted] 2 workshop trucks, 1 tank truck and about 20 other trucks [redacted] was loaded at the Wildpark railroad station.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The assembly of railroad cars in Forst Zinna and Jueterbog is probably connected with the combat firing practices which, since late February, have been conducted at the Jueterbog troop training grounds by artillery and light AAA components of various units at an increased rate.

[redacted] The assembly at the Neuruppin railroad station may have been made for the same reason. Available reports on transportation indicated that, on 27 February, only one troop train, which is believed to have carried units of the 34th Arty Div (US) from Altengrabow, was detrained in Potsdam. [redacted]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Reports on transportation indicated that, on 3 March, four troop trains went from Potsdam to Genthin. According to the present report, these trains carried units of the 34th Arty Div (US), including units of the 148th Gun Arty Brig (US) and the barrage balloon unit from the Hohenlohe Kaserne. [REDACTED]. It is possible that the components of the division were transferred to the Altengrabow troop training grounds for firing practice, and that they made a practice march from Genthin to Altengrabow.

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